

BUSES BOMBED: Four explosions followed by fire ripped through 10 Pontiac, Mich., school buses last night. The buses were to be used to desegregate the city's schools under a court-ordered integration plan. There has been heavy local opposition with marches and rallies. The school district is appealing the plan to the U.S. Supreme Court. (AP Wirephoto)

Empty School Buses Bombed At Pontiac!

Integration Plan Root Of Problem

Board Predicts
'Disaster' In
Race Relations

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The FBI and police joined in a hunt today for the person or persons who blew up 10 empty school buses and damaged two others a week before schools were to open under a court-ordered integration plan. There were no injuries.

The factory city's Board of Education has been battling the integration plan which would involve busing about 8,000 of the city's 24,000 public school pupils out of their neighborhoods to achieve racial balance. The board has warned of a "foreseeable disaster of race relations."

The 10 destroyed buses and two damaged ones were part of a fleet of 55 vehicles in a fenced and lighted lot a half mile from downtown.

Pontiac police said they had a report that a watchman was assigned to the area but that he was not in the immediate vicinity when the blasts went off.

Police found some wiring under a couple of the charred buses, leading them to speculate that at least some of the buses were linked by electrical wires which were exploded by a detonator, thus blasting more than one bus at a time.

Damage to the buses was estimated at around \$150,000. Officers of the state police bomb squad at Plymouth were called in to try to trace the bombers.

Police said that some of the bombs had been placed between the gas tank and the chassis of the buses and that bits of blasting caps were still visible under the buses, along with bits of wire.

Officers said entry was made to the lot by cutting a hole in the chain link fence and explosive charges were planted under or between the buses. Six charges reportedly were planted directly under individual vehicles, while the others were placed between buses.

A. John DePauw of the Pontiac police said officers were unsure of the type of explosive used, but that it wouldn't take an expert to plant them.

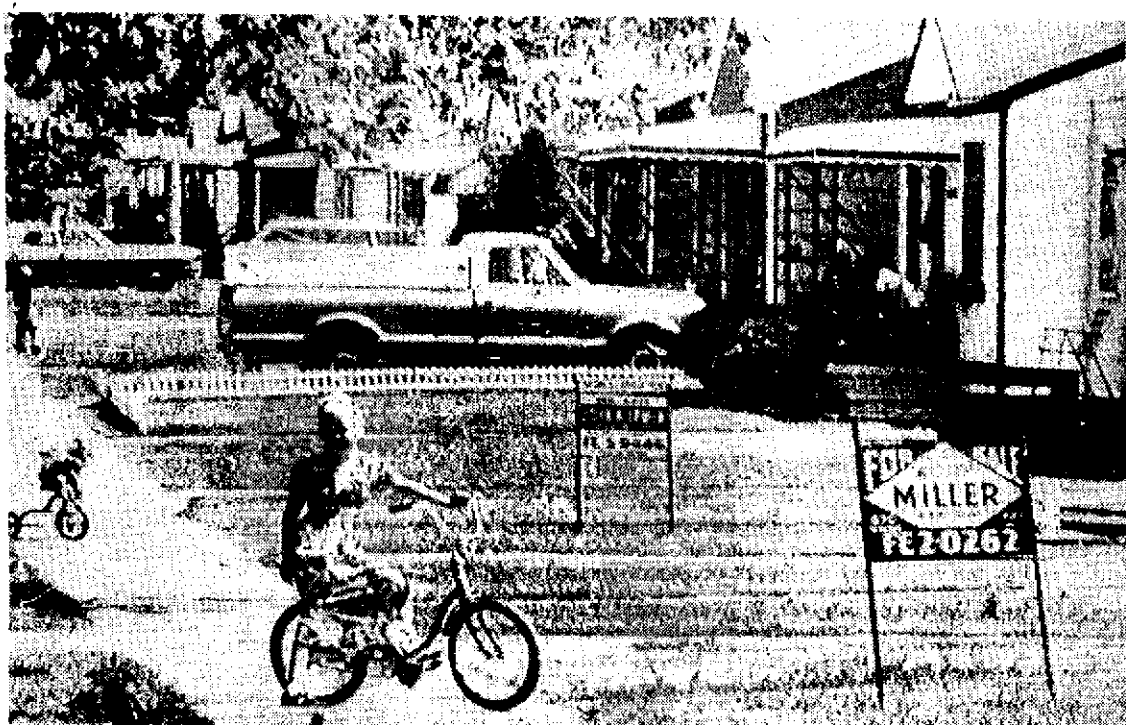
He said the explosives "aren't too difficult to work with."

Describing the explosions, a resident of the neighborhood said she heard "a loud boom, and then there were flames—the buses, everything around." She said flames leaped 100 feet. Others reported hearing a "boom."

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Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at the Shoreline today is 68 degrees.



HOMES FOR SALE: While the Pontiac (Mich.) School Board appeals a federally-ordered busing plan for the Pontiac school system, one multiple listing service reports a one-third increase in the number of homes for sale. The busing plan would

send more than one-third of Pontiac's 24,000 public school pupils from their neighborhoods to attain racial balance. Within three blocks of an elementary school two "for sale" signs are visible. (AP Wirephoto)

BH School Partition Effort Is Blasted By ARIC Director

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

The question of breaking up the Benton Harbor school district through transfers and redistricting should "be put to bed," he executive director of Area Resources Improvement Council (ARIC) Monday told some 70 new Benton Harbor teachers.

The director, J. Howard Edwards, also stated that the Redistricting committee, which succeeded the Blue Ribbon committee, is doing a disservice to the community. He called for a positive master plan.

Edwards spoke to the teachers, who were luncheon guests of the Benton Harbor Kiwanis club at Holiday Inn motel, M-139.

Edwards proclaimed that the school district must be strengthened, not broken up, and that downtown Benton Harbor also must be strengthened, revitalized and rehabilitated.

The ARIC chief is a member of the Redistricting committee and its predecessor the Blue Ribbon committee, organized to plan a solution to turmoil in the school district. He said he will remain on this body in an effort to make a contribution toward his desire of strength.

The basic community problems were recognized by the speaker — lack of tax base for the city, business pulling out, whites fleeing to the

suburbs and turmoil in the schools.

"These are not usual times," Edwards said, adding that municipal government in Benton Harbor has conducted business as though these were usual times.

While praising government officials for spearheading such plans as urban renewal, Edwards said "someone should tell the mayor and commissioners" that a plan of action is needed in these times when "crisis upon crisis is piled on the community."

There were other criticisms voiced by Edwards:

"You can't blame the local press for the problems, but the press has been instrumental in convincing others that Benton Harbor is not a good place to be."

Worse is the word of mouth attacks on the city that wind up in magnified form.

Lots of talk about human relations in the community, termed this area "everybody's business," when the talk terminates with the matter becoming "nobody's business."

— Benton Harbor is one of four "unnecessary units of government," Edwards here

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UNITY NEEDED: J. Howard Edwards, executive director of Area Resources Improvement Council (at lectern) tells some 70 new teachers in Benton Harbor school district and Kiwanians that the local district should be strengthened, not broken up. Edwards also called for positive plan to revitalize schools and downtown. Seated beside Edwards at speakers table are (from left) John Wilk, club vice president; and Raymond Sreboth, school superintendent-elect. Teachers were guests Monday at Benton Harbor Kiwanis luncheon at Holiday Inn, M-139. (Staff photo)

BH Redistricting Plan Expected In 90 Days

By DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

"I trust and hope that we can place before this community inside 90 days a plan to be considered for the redistricting of the school boundaries of the present Benton Harbor Area school district," George Welch, told Twin City Rotarians yesterday.

Welch was chairman of the Blue Ribbon committee, created to find solutions to Benton Harbor school district problems, and is chairman of the Redistricting committee which evolved from the Blue Ribbon committee. Among redistricting possibilities are creating of a new K-12 district and assigning parts of the Benton Harbor district to other systems.

Welch told Rotarians meeting at the St. Joseph Elks club:

"We've got to find means so that families can continue to stay where they presently reside without being forced by the circumstances to vacate their homes, to move their children into neighboring districts which they can do, and are doing, and to search out some way of stabilizing this community so the flight is not made necessary because of the school system," Welch said, "and that is the basis behind an effort to redistrict."

The flight of desirable community leaders out of the Benton Harbor district to neighboring districts invites an influx of even more disruptive elements into Benton Harbor and could cause the present problem

to double itself to a point where it would be totally irreversible, he said.

The trend to move into other districts will have a profound effect on those school districts, too, Welch said. Voting down three millage issues in the Lakeshore district and the controversy over the revised educational and transportation programs reflects in part the problems of migrations, Welch said.

Welch asked the Rotarians "to consider the consequences of continuing flight from one area to nearby areas. I'm sure this problem needs the best of all minds and frankly, the best of goodwill."

Welch explained the procedure to be followed in answer to a question. He said the commit-

tee will present a plan to the Intermediate School district which will act on it and if acceptable will advise the Benton Harbor board to prepare for a referendum on that plan. Then the voters in the Benton Harbor district can accept or reject that plan.

If the voters accept it, then it could be put into effect but it could face an appeal by residents of the district, or by the board of the affected neighboring district.

To create a new kindergarten to 12th grade district, which is among the considerations, would require special legislation by the state legislature, he said.

Benton Harbor's problems are not unique, Welch said. (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

Time Growing Short

Tax Amendment Bill Appears Dead-Zollar

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Chances appear slight that Michigan taxpayers will vote this fall on a constitutional amendment dealing with property tax relief and a graduated income tax.

"I'd say it's dead in its present form," Senate Appropriations Chairman Charles O. Zollar, R-Benton Harbor, said Monday of the House-passed amendment now resting in Senate Judiciary Committee.

Work continued on an alternate plan, with aides to Gov. William Milliken pitching in—but time was growing short.

The legislature has only until Thursday to come up with the needed two-thirds vote to put any issue on a ballot this November. And, as the summer vacation days dwindle, so does legislative attendance.

MISSING

Twenty-seven of the 38 Senate members answered roll call Monday.

Asked if he expected to vote on a tax relief question at the polls this fall, Senate GOP

Leader Robert VanderLaan of Kentwood said:

"Chances are likely we won't—but we may."

VanderLaan cites question after question that he said should be resolved before a tax relief amendment could be adopted.

He particularly mentioned the problems of collecting and distributing state money to local school districts once they lost millage funds from enactment of property tax relief.

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The median expenditure, Zollar said, is some \$748 per pupil. "That means that half are over that amount," he said, "and we can't pull them down when we distribute the money."

VanderLaan said an estimated 32 per cent piggyback tax would have to be levied to keep the high districts at their current levels and to bring the lower districts up to the median level of \$748 per pupil.

That means individual taxpayers would compute their state taxes by multiplying their federal tax by 0.32.

Zollar said there are not tax relief proposals that "don't inter-fer that taxpayers are going to get hit across the back of the head. We have to look at what it's going to cost," he said.

EYES TEST VOTE

Senate Democratic Floor

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Joss Wind—Captain's Table. Wednesday nights. Adv.

We will be closed Sat., Sept. 4. Williams Jewelry. Adv.



PARTITION NEEDED: George Welch, chairman of redistricting committee for Benton Harbor Area Schools, tells Rotary club partition of district is essential to stabilize community. (Staff photo)

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West Fairplain Ruling Not Likely For Months

By ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

LANSING — The State hearing on West Fairplain's proposed transfer from the Benton Harbor to St. Joseph school district ended here Monday after an additional 6½ hours of testimony, but a final decision on the matter may not come until December.

Hearing officer Raymond L. Godmer of the Michigan Department of Education said final transcripts of the hearing must be prepared and sent to all parties who testified. He said that it could take as long as eight weeks to accomplish this. Then, all parties concerned have 20 days in which to file

objections to the report, before it's eligible for State Board action.

At yesterday's hearing in the main auditorium of the Seven-Story Office Building here, both sides reiterated many statements given at two earlier hearings before the Berrien County Intermediate School Board March 17 and at the first session of the State hearing in Lansing, July 19. The intermediate board denied transfer to St. Joseph and West Fairplain appealed to the state.

Benton Harbor Atty. Robert Small, counsel for the Benton Harbor Area schools, called only one witness yesterday—Dr. Mark E. Lewis, Benton

Harbor superintendent. Counsel for the West Fairplain petitioners, Lansing Atty. Michael Cavanaugh and Benton Harbor Atty. Henry Gleiss called five witnesses. They were: Leo Montgomery, an industrial accounting executive; Sherill E. Hudson, long-time Benton Harbor realtor; and three West Fairplain mothers, Mrs. Frances Nowlen, Mrs. Shirley Chapman and Mrs. Lee Stoffie.

Setting on the panel hearing West Fairplain's transfer request besides hearing officer Godmer, were Roger Boline, representing the state department of education and assistant Atty. Gen. Jerry Young. The same panel attended the first

session of the state hearing in July.

Testimony of West Fairplain witnesses again centered around the petitioners' main theme of unsafe conditions in Benton Harbor schools, a declining quality of education in comparison to a heavy tax burden West Fairplain residents must pay, declining property values of the area, and their difference of opinion concerning financial implications for both districts if the transfer is approved.

REALTOR TESTIFIES
Hudson testified that a recent study he conducted showed the depreciated value of the two elementary schools in the West Fairplain area (West Fairplain and Fairplain Northwest) to be \$366,000, not including equipment in either school. Benton Harbor school district claims the depreciated value at \$765,255.

Spokesmen for West Fairplain have said the petitioners would be willing, if necessary, to buy their schools from Benton Harbor and turn them over to St. Joseph.

Montgomery, who made an analysis of the costs incurred by the St. Joseph district if the transfer was approved, testified that the transfer would benefit St. Joseph district by an annual surplus of \$82,000. Testimony submitted by St. Joseph schools superintendent Richard Ziehm at the first state hearing indicated the transfer would bring a \$93,000 deficit to his district. The St. Joseph district opposes the transfer.

Dr. Lewis testified that 1970-71 Michigan Educational Assessment tests, given to all Fairplain West fourth graders

indicated that the busing program, which brought total enrollment of the school to 28 percent black had not affected the performance of the school's white students.

Tests results showed that the white students averaged in the 98 to 99 percentile range for cities of comparable population in the state. The test also showed that the busing apparently had little effect on black students' improvement as

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If Buses Run, They'll Back Vote

Lakeshore
Citizen Unit
Tells Stand

The chairman of the Lakeshore Citizens Majority for the Three R's said his group supports another school millage election — provided that bus service is restored first.

James F. Piechorowski, chairman for a Reasonable, Rational Reconsideration, supported an editorial in this newspaper yesterday asking for a fourth vote on extra operating millage for Lakeshore schools. However, Piechorowski attached the busing condition. His statement on behalf of the committee:

"The Lakeshore Citizens Majority for a Reasonable, Rational Reconsideration deems the comments of Editor W. J. Banyon a most reasonable position. We would comment that in order to restore public confidence in the administration the immediate reinstatement of the busing system would be in order.

"We believe that an election without the prior reinstatement of busing would be viewed by the electorate as overt blackmail. It would serve no purpose to penalize or endanger the children of the Lakeshore area while the issue is still in a state of flux.

"The establishment of who the good or bad guys are is senseless if in the process the children of the Lakeshore school area suffer. The citizens of this area have already stated on three occasions their opposition to all or nothing millage elections. This issue has been settled and has hopefully made a lasting impression on the administrative authorities.

"Given the reinstatement of busing prior to the election, the citizens committee fully endorses and will be willing to support a fourth pitch."

Elimination of busing was among \$435,620 in budget cuts made last week by the Lakeshore board of education after a proposal for 9.5 mills in operating taxes failed for the third time. The board had vowed to levy only 7 of the 9.5 mills just before the most recent election Aug. 16.



GROWING IN WRONG PLACE: Beth Smith, thinks this Duchess apple is slightly confused. It's growing out of trunk instead of a twig on the farm of her grandfather, Robert Smith, Park road, Millburg. Despite its wrong address, the apple appears perfectly normal. (Pete Mitchell photo)

Recycling Collection Center

Benton Harbor Asks Removal Of 'Eyesore'

One phase of an alleged eyesore created on behalf of ecology ended last night when Benton Harbor city commissioners unanimously approved a resolution requesting the manager of Sears Roebuck & Co. to ask removal of a recycling collection center in a corner of the store lot.

The controversy, raised last June by Commissioner F. Joseph Flaug, still leaves one

unanswered question: Will the city aid the environmental group, United for Survival, in finding a new station?

City Manager Don Stewart Monday said officers of this group, apparently think the city is trying to find them a new location. Stewart said he will, if instructed by the commission. Stewart also said that despite criticism of the alleged eyesore, the commission had never adopted a resolution to have the recycling center removed.

Flaug then introduced the resolution, and Stewart noted that the sure the Sears manager will ask the removal.

The center is located in the southwest corner of the lot. Residents drop off bottles, cans, and paper, earmarked for recycling. The United for Survival group sponsored the project and Sears donated the space. A see-through snow fence surrounds the materials.

Flaug's resolution to remove the center did not include a request for Stewart to aid in seeking a new site. Flaug, however, indicated that such an effort, for use by Benton Harbor residents, only, would be good.

Another Flaug resolution called for city officials to ask the R. A. Mort Co. 800 East Main, if it would make a late pile of barrels outside less conspicuous to motorists. Flaug terms it an eyesore entrance to the city. Commissioner Edward Merrill cast the sole vote against the resolution, saying many others are causing eyesores.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the commission approved a resolution seeking an amended contract with

the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) agency that would increase the total cost of Benton Harbor's urban renewal program from \$5,780,252 to \$6,423,471. This must be approved by HUD. Stewart said the program is coming to a close, but the increase is necessitated by inflationary prices and a pending state supreme court case. He said General Telephone is appealing a ruling that utilities must pay for underground installations in urban renewal areas. Stewart said, if the utility wins, the local project would have enough money coming from the government to cover the added costs.

The commission also: — Approved a lease contract for a single-family home at 756 Superior, to be rented by a relocated family for \$110 per month. Commissioners Ralph Lhotka and Merrill voted no.

— Approved a permit for Robert Demkovich to operate a service station in conjunction with a laundromat at the site of a former service station, 415 East Main.

OKAY REQUESTS

Meeting as a board of appeals after the commission session, commissioners approved two requests. One was for a set back variance to accommodate an enclosed porch at the home of Mathies Kyle, 838 McGuigan street. The home has been remodeled, but the enclosed porch posed a technical zoning ordinance violation.

Also approved was a request by the Naval Armory for eight-foot high fence now being installed around the armory and lot at 475 Cass street. The legal maximum height in residential neighborhoods is four feet.



DR. MARK LEWIS



ATTY. ROBERT SMALL



ATTY. HENRY GLEISS

Principals at Fairplain transfer hearing

Twin Cities Drivers Will Share Refunds

Auto insurance refunds totaling \$136,382 will go out to 9,857 motorists in the Twin City area who insure their vehicles through Detroit Automobile Inter-Insurance Exchange at Automobile Club of Michigan.

Ray Miller, manager of the Benton Harbor office, 601 Riverview drive, Benton Harbor, said refunds will be mailed starting Sept. 1. Motorists insured through the Exchange statewide will receive \$14 million, representing refunds on

the past premium year.

Auto Club said Michigan motorists were the safest in the nation last year, driving a record number of miles, but reducing traffic deaths 13 per cent, injuries eight per cent and accidents five per cent.

Miller said a soon-to-be-released "Bring 'Em Back Alive Study" will analyze the factors which helped Michigan motorists compile the record.

St. Joe Commissioners Refuse Joseph Request

A request by Benton Harbor mayoral candidate Charles Joseph to use Riverview park in St. Joseph for an entertainment spectacular was turned down last night by the St. Joseph city commissioners.

The commissioners also gave Frank Colby until Dec. 1 to

submit plans for rehabilitation of his produce stand on Lake Shore drive near Hilltop road. A condemnation proceedings against the stand were started in July.

The commissioners voted unanimously on a motion by Mayor W. H. "Duke" Ehrenberg to deny Joseph's request to use Riverview park. "The commissioners never give use of any of the parks in St. Joseph to political parties or for political rallies and fund raising events. I've had numerous calls from residents who are against this request," Ehrenberg said.

The request for use of Riverview Park on Sept. 28 was filed with the city manager's office by Atty. Stephen Small, chairman, Citizens for Charles Joseph for Mayor. The park was to be used for two concerts featuring established entertainers with proceeds going to a proposed youth service center fund and to defray expenses.

Reached by phone after the commission's action, Small said: "We will just have to find another place. This won't take away our enthusiasm." He said the concerts would be staged regardless of "roadblocks."

STAFF MEETING

"The staff will have to get together and talk about what can be done now, Small said. "We were all counting on the park, since there isn't anything nearly as big as Riverview Park

in the area." "We will have to talk about a crowd of 3,000 now instead of 10,000," he added.

In commenting on Joseph's request, City Commissioner Warren Gast said: "I would feel the same if a commissioner here (St. Joseph) suggested the park be closed for some event like this just before election. It seems like a political maneuver, may be with good intentions, but still with a political inclination."

Commissioner Joseph Hanley said: "We can't close off parks to St. Joseph residents for an event that would charge admission fees."

Commissioner Frank Smith said he had heard from many residents and "the people are against it."

In postponing condemnation proceedings against the Colby produce stand, the commission-

ers acted upon the suggestion of City Atty. Arthur G. Preston, Jr. who said it is standard in such cases to allow owners a chance to bring buildings up to code.

Preston said the produce stand was "determined unsafe on July 8 by Safety Inspector Carl Conklin and had deteriorated to the point of being demolished." City Manager Leonard Hill agreed with the determination following an inspection on July 9. A public hearing on condemnation and rehabilitation proceedings was set for Aug. 16 and then postponed for two weeks on the request of Hill.

Colby appeared at the commission meeting with his attorneys, Richard Globensky and John T. Ryan. Globensky said Colby "would be most happy to remove the present structure if he could obtain a special use permit or change in zoning to build a new structure just south of the produce stand."

Ryan explained: "Mr. Colby is at a great disadvantage with the stand because of shoreline erosion and construction work in the area. Otherwise, he would have done something before this."

The stand has been on Lakeshore Drive since the late 1930's but hasn't been in use for two summers. It is operating on a non-conforming use permit, Colby applied to the city for a permit to build another stand but was turned down since the area would have to be rezoned for such a permit, Hill said.

In other action, the commissioners referred to the St. Joseph planning commission a request by Edward J. Gerring for rezoning of property at 715 Gard street. Gerring proposed to build a barber shop and style salon, and is asking for commercial zoning. The property is now zoned single-family and consists of a five room house with enclosed porch and a detached garage.

UCF Dance Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the United Community Fund benefit dance, featuring clarinet star Buddy DeFranco and the Glenn Miller Orchestra, now are available at six retail locations in the Twin Cities area.

The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 18, at Shadowland ballroom, St. Joseph. It will be the second year in a row that DeFranco and the famed Miller group have played to highlight the start of the United Fund campaign.

Tickets are available at \$10 per couple or \$5 per person. Mrs. Robert McEndre, ticket chairman for the dance, announced today that they may be obtained at:

Roberts Business Machines, 141 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor; Wilder's Book Stores, 143 E. Main street, Benton Harbor, and 511 Pleasant street, St. Joseph; Richard Gillespie Pharmacy, 2020 Washington, St. Joseph; Hall of Cards and Books, Fairplain Plaza, and Stancik Village Drug Store, 5733 St. Joseph avenue, Stevensville.

Tickets may also be obtained by writing to Mrs. James Bruce Ball, 812 Lonesome Pine Trail, St. Joseph. Checks should be made payable to UCF Dance Committee.

School At Riverside Will Open On Sept. 7

Riverside grade school will open Sept. 7, according to Ray Dornbos, secretary of the board of education. Students will be picked up on the regular bus schedule. Students of the district attending high school for the first time are to meet at the elementary school, where the bus will pick them up at 7:30 a.m.

Catholic School Teachers Will Receive Pay Raise

Lake Michigan Catholic school teachers will receive raises ranging from five to nine per cent immediately because effective date of their contract was July 15.

Deputy Superintendent Richard Dornbos reported to the board last night that the board took action on salaries in July and thereby set the wage pattern before the freeze announced by President Nixon took effect. The area board had adopted the schedule previously established by the diocese of Lansing.

Dornbos conducted the board on a tour of the high school facilities in St. Joseph and said everything was ready for the opening of school this week.

Mrs. Rose Ellen McCourt reported 38 families had applied for tuition grants and 35 were awarded assistance but only one family received full amount.

She said \$9,000 had been spent. The committee is continuing to take applications hoping to receive additional funds.

Dornbos said the school's \$21,000 delinquent tuition fund July 1 had been cut to \$18,000 by Aug. 15. "We have taken a hard look at our finances," Dornbos said, "and plan to continue to seek payment." He said without the hard line he could force unpaid tuition rising to \$20,000 a year.

Enrollment of primary and middle school pupils as of Aug. 30 was announced as 573. Of this figure 258 are from Benton Harbor St. John, 168 from St. Joseph Catholic, 124 from Fairplain St. Bernard, three from Waterford St. Joseph and 22 non-Catholics. Dornbos said he planned to report high school enrollment on Sept. 8, feeling that it would be stabilized by then. The middle school

enrollment is up about 25 and the projections is that high school enrollment will also be up slightly.

Thomas Cozzens will be the full-time religious education director, supervising religious training for elementary Confirmation of Christian Doctrine (CCD), high school CCD, Lake Michigan High school and adult education, Dornbos announced.

INSURANCE PLAN

The board approved a benefit insurance plan covering not only school students but CCD students as well.

The board declined to rent the middle school gymnasium, to outside groups, pointing out it is used for many school functions, even Saturday evenings.

Dornbos said mailing of student conduct and dress code and rulings on parking, smoking and other regulations was applauded by both parents and students.

The regulations spell out what the rights and privileges of students. Dornbos said only two applications have been received for smoking, permitted in one corner of the cafeteria. Smoking is permitted on school grounds if students get parent's permission.

Juniors and seniors will receive detailed information on colleges in the area, their requirements for admission, fees and other information. Dornbos said the report was in response to student requests for more college information.

Vince Miller reported the finance committee will meet later in special session to present a budget Oct. 4.

Traffic Deaths

Aug. 31 State Police Count
This year 1,399
Last year 1,423

Swallow Sees It Work In Nebraska

EDITOR'S NOTE: Michigan Rep. Joseph P. Swallow has proposed that Michigan abolish its two-house Legislature, with a 110-member House and a 38-member Senate, in favor of a 76-member unicameral — or one-house Legislature. Swallow visited Nebraska recently to examine the work of the nation's only unicameral legislature. Don Hoenschell, Lansing correspondent for Panax Newspapers, accompanied Swallow and provides this account in a four-part series.

By DON HOENSHELL
Panax Newspapers Writer
LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska's 48-member unicameral Legislature does its work under the full gaze of the 1.5 million people it serves for salaries of \$4,800 a year.

There are no junkets to study horse racing in Florida or the reduced voting age in Hawaii and those long night sessions are curiosities if they happen at all.

Nebraska's legislature, issue-oriented in philosophy and computerized in its approach to detail, gets its work done and goes home.

He found them in every office, labor leaders and industrial giants, lobbyists and those exchanged by governmental purity and high purpose, newsmen and legislative staffers.

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Michigan Potential Is Great Unicameral Thrifty, Quick



TOP ACHIEVERS: Debbie Zielke, 17, Bridgman, (second from left) receives silver bowl and certificate as Outstanding Foods, 4-H Achievement award winner, while Connie Norris, 18, Berrien Center, receives bowl as runner-up. Awards are sponsored by Win Schuler Restaurants, Inc. Presenting awards are Charles Ross (left) manager of the Schuler restaurant, Stevensville; and Arthur

Manguel, former restaurant manager here and now the firm's corporate director for restaurant operations. Awards were made Monday at banquet, attended by 165 persons at Schuler's. Connie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norris, while Debbie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zielke. Larry Cushman, Berrien county 4-H agent, said banquet climaxed the 4-H year. (Staff photo)

Kalamazoo Millage Issue Rejected After Bus Ruling

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — Within hours after a federal court ordered Kalamazoo's school board to carry out a massive desegregation plan when schools open next Tuesday, a vital needed millage issue was defeated.

At least two school officials blamed Monday's 8,433-7,767 rejection of the request for 7.8 mills upon the ruling by a three-judge panel from the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Dale Pattison, a school board trustee, declared, "The court's decision was the reason for this (defeat of the millage). A number of people told me they would show the judges

they would not be treated this way." He described two judges as "robbed tyrants."

German Finds U. S. Welfare Hard To Believe

SOUTH HAVEN — A German teacher who stayed several weeks with a South Haven family under the American Host Family program, expressed surprise over welfare rolls in this nation.

Robert Durr said, "Hardly anyone is on welfare in Germany because it is easier to work than ask for aid." Accord-

Township Splits Tax Collections

EAU CLAIRE — Spreading \$515.41 in delinquent taxes collections from June, 1969, was approved by the Pipestone township board last night. Eau Claire schools will receive \$496.51, with the remaining \$18.90 to the township.

The township board of health reported that one cemetery lot had been sold for \$25 and that expenses for the three cemeteries totaled \$303.02 for the month.

While approving U.S. District Court Judge Noel P. Fox's preliminary injunction requiring the board to carry out the desegregation plan this year, the panel withheld full approval of Fox's actions.

"This court expressly refrains from approving all the language and holdings of the district court in its opinion rendered Aug. 24, 1971," the judges said. They added that Fox "is authorized to make such modifications in the plan . . . as he may find to be appropriate" either before or after the hearing.

In denying the school board's request for a stay in carrying out the plan, the appellate court said Fox's ruling "will not be disturbed unless contrary to some rule of equity or as a result of an improvident exercise of judicial discretion."

Duane Roberts, president of Kalamazoo's unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the ruling "gives all of the citizens—white, brown, yellow and red—an opportunity to work to-

Third Candidate Files For Coloma Office

COLOMA — Victor Wier, 48, of 430 South Church street, Coloma, has become the third candidate for a position on a charter revision commission.

LAST HURRAH
Swallow realizes his efforts to convert Michigan to a one-house legislature could be his last hurrah, hoist on the petard of the status quo.

His plan is for a 76-member unicameral legislature elected on a partisan basis, four from each of the 19 congressional districts, to replace the present 110-member House and 38-member Senate.

Swallow and others have seen major legislation buried in committee, other bills distorted by amendment from their original intent and have watched the 1971 Legislature bogged down without a budget at least six weeks into the new fiscal year.

THREE CRACKS
"The public gets at least three cracks at a bill," says Vincent D. Brown, clerk of the Nebraska Legislature.

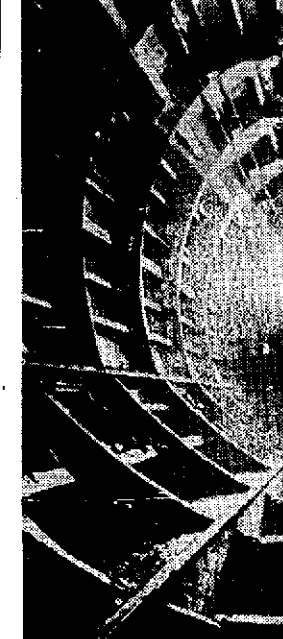
Nebraska's statutes and state constitution are all stored in computer banks ready for instant retrieval in the bill-drafting or research processes.

The executive board of the legislative council didn't object at all when I recommended a 25 per cent reduction in my staff," said Emory Barnett, assistant bill drafter.

Unicameralism on a non-partisan basis is not a philosophical Utopia, but Swallow said his interviews here indicated that the drawbacks might be overcome by efficiency and thoroughness.

Rodgers said one drawback politically is that the governor James Exon, a Democrat defeated Republican Norbert T. Tiemann in 1970 has no partisan entree into the legislature and must seek support from technical nonpartisans for his politically-oriented program.

MEETINGS OPEN
Nebraska records and transcripts all committee and floor session debates, all committee meetings are open to the press — including execu-



PIPELINE PROJECT: Deep below the waters of Lake Huron, six miles from the Port Huron shore, a workman builds a giant pipeline which will eventually bring water to Detroit and Flint. When completed the more than eighty-two miles of pipeline will supplement supply lines in 84 southeastern Michigan communities. The \$110 million project is scheduled for completion by the fall of 1972. (AP Wirephoto)

Athletic Field Cost Estimate Up At Bridgman

BRIDGMAN — School board members last night received a new higher cost estimate for developing the district's proposed athletic field.

The new estimate of \$134,700 was presented by Tom Bisbee representing Daverman and Associates, the Grand Rapids architects. It exceeds the original estimate by \$4,700.

Board members delayed until December final decisions on building and equipping the field, indicating that cuts probably would be made to keep within the original estimate.

The athletic field is part of the second phase of the \$3.5 million high school now under development. Also included are an auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria and music department.

The first phase, a \$1.4 million academic building, is being prepared for the opening of school on Sept. 15.

Accepted by the board were low bids totaling about \$115,000 for a storm sewer system to be installed at the new high school.

Other business, the board:

River Valley Opens With Half-Day

THREE OAKS — River Valley schools opened with a half day of school this afternoon. Supt. Harold Sauser said enrollment of approximately 2,275 students in kindergarten is expected.

The first full day of school will be Wednesday. The cafeteria will be open and lunch fees will be the same as last year.

There will be no school Friday and Monday, Sept. 6, because of the Labor Day vacation.

School hours will be the same as last year, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. for grades 1 through 8; 8 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. for the high school; 9 to 11:30 a.m. for morning kindergarten and 12:45 to 3:15 p.m., for afternoon kindergarten.

Bus routes will also be essentially the same as last year, operating between 7:15 to 7:50 a.m. for high school and between 7:55 to 8:50 a.m. for K-8 students. Take home runs in the afternoon will begin at 2:40 p.m. at the high school and at 3:20 for K-8 students.

LeDuc Art Featured At Decatur

DECATUR — An exhibit at The Little Gallery, 122 North Phelps in Decatur, features paintings, sketches and sculpture by Evan Martin LeDuc.

LeDuc is a graduate of Decatur high school and the University of Notre Dame in 1970.

He is working on his master's degree in environmental design. He studied in Rome in 1969-70 and plans to return there this fall for further research and development.

Dowagiac Dad Will Go To Jail

A rural Dowagiac man was sentenced Monday in Berrien circuit court to six months in jail after being found in contempt of court for nonpayment of child support.

Judge Chester J. Byrns sentenced Harold J. Bundy, 33, of route 1, Dowagiac, to jail after finding him in contempt for a \$9,935 arrearage for four children of a prior marriage on Aid to Dependent Children grants, said John Schoenhals, Berrien friend of the court.

Bike Rider Dies

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — John Poineau, 15, of Saginaw was killed Monday night when his bicycle collided with an auto in Saginaw Township. The boy was dead on arrival at St. Luke's Hospital.

Registration Slated Sept. 8-10 At SMC

DOWAGIAC — Registration for the fall term at Southwestern Michigan college will be held Sept. 8-10.

Students may call the college for the schedule or visit the admissions office in the Arts building.